

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is extraordinarily distressing to me.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pre-empting their shows to deliver a highly partisan show strictly for the purpose of moving a political agenda (whether left or right) is simply not in the best interests of the American people. We all decry how civility is disappearing from our political process. The FCC preventing this pre-emption from happening now and in any circumstance in the future can help to if not restore civility at least demonstrate that we have to change the endless attacks that now dominate the airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve local people being able to meaningfully voice their views and insure that the diversity of views from all political perspectives are valued and preserved.

Please take action now before the airing of these shows and the election.

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